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Influenza, bronchitis, and pneumonia are the chief causes of the high rate of infant mortality in Stalin City.

During recent years the death rate ran as follows: in 1947, there were 97 deaths for every 1,677 births; in 1948, 87 for every 1,740 births, and in 1949, 85 for every 2,374 births.

This unusually high death rate must be corrected by public action. The public health department at the municipal people's council includes every doctor in the entire city area; together with other organizations, it will conduct a series of lectures in every district to familiarize the people with the nature of the diseases, the dangers they present, and the methods to prevent and combat the sickness. Penicillin, sulfamide, and other medicines are being generously supplied by the government in cases of need. The public is urged to collaborate by promptly reporting any cases of measles, pneumonia, and bronchitis, and the treatment of the patient.

The health department of the municipal people's council is requested to inform doctors they must report all cases of the above diseases and the treatment prescribed. Doctors will be held responsible for the death of every child patient from one of the diseases, unless they have taken all the appropriate measures indicated in Circular II-3-2287, issued 22 November 1949 by the Ministry of Public Health.

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